

## 75 CARS EXPECTED ON BOOSTER TRIP

More Than 300 Merchants to  
Be Members of Delegation  
on Maryland Visit.

### LIVE PROGRAM PREPARED

BY HOWARD S. FISK.

With twenty entries now on file, the merchants of the National Capital are making active preparations for the annual automobile "booster" trip of the Retail Merchants' Association to Leonardtown, Md., and return on Tuesday, October 17.

It is expected that by this time next week fully seventy-five cars will be entered for this big trade-boasting trip, which is the second annual one with motor cars. The trip is being made for the purpose of demonstrating to the people of southern Maryland that the National Capital is the logical and economical buying point. In addition to the cars entered, it is probable that more than 300 business men will participate in the trip.

#### Start From Star Building.

The start will be made from The Star building promptly at 8 o'clock on the morning scheduled. The itinerary taking the "boosters" through a large number of small hamlets before their destination is reached. The itinerary and stops to be made will include Clinton, T. B. Brandywine, Waldorf, Bryansville, Hughesville, Charlotte Hall, Mechanicsville, Morganza and then Leonardtown. Stops at these towns will be brief and of a nature to make the residents in the various towns where stops are made, and in the evening a concert will be given after dinner at Leonardtown.

The noon-day stop will be at Hughesville for luncheon from 12:45 to 2:30 o'clock. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock. After the hand concert the cars will be dispersed and those participating may return when they desire to their homes. The total mileage for the day's run will be approximately 120 miles, all of which is over excellent macadam and concrete highways.

#### Capital's Motor Representation.

It is expected that all of the automobile houses in Washington will be represented in the cavalcade of motor cars, particularly in view of the fact that this section of Maryland with its wonderful crops this year is just brimful of prospects in the automobile run.

Announcement is made that any merchant who has not a car and who desires to make the trip will be supplied with accommodations in one of the dealers' cars. The cost will be \$5 per person for the trip. This includes all of the day's expenses. The "boosters" will carry their own hand and a commissary wagon with supplies, all of which will be in addition to the facilities that will be afforded at Hughesville for luncheon and at Leonardtown for dinner in the evening.

Realizing the great benefits to the city and particularly the interests of those who take part in the trip, the Young Men's Christian Association has entered a car for the run and at each of the stops Clifford L. Johnson, director of service, and other officers will take particular pains to apprise the inhabitants of southern Maryland of the advantages of connection with the Young Men's Christian Association.

#### Big Time at Day's End.

There will be a "big time" at St. Mary's Hotel in Leonardtown at the day's end. The dinner will take the form of a banquet and there will be an excellent opportunity for the business men to get in touch with the city, not only at Leonardtown, which has a population of 1,000, but of farmers and planters from the surrounding territory who will be the county seat for the coming of the boosters.

It is announced that all those desiring to take part should send their checks to the office of the Retail Merchants' Association, 403 Star building.

### THINK DRIVERS CARELESS AT GRADE CROSSINGS

Illinois Central Officials Make Public  
Reports of Accidents  
to Motorists.

That motor car drivers are careless at grade crossings is the claim of officials of the Illinois Central railroad. With a view of reducing the number of motor car accidents at such crossings they have been conducting a secret check of the actions of all drivers of vehicles in approaching the crossing of that corporation. Watchmen, hidden from view, have been taking notes on the drivers of cars and the driver looked one way only. Forty-nine cars with 127 persons went over the crossing, in which the driver looked both ways when more than twenty feet from the crossing. Five cars with nineteen persons went over the crossing, the driver not looking both ways until he was within twenty feet of the crossing and impossible to stop. The proportion of teams, motor cycles and bicycles which went over the crossing indicated about the same proportion of carelessness. To recapitulate, the drivers of 122 cars made little or no effort toward protecting their own lives or those occupying the car with them. The drivers of one-fourth of the cars going over the crossing made the proper effort to see if it was safe.

The railroad management is desirous of securing the co-operation of the public in increasing the element of safety and reducing the number of fatalities. The check of the various crossings taken indicated that two-thirds of the drivers at over the crossings at a speed of thirty miles per hour, while the proportion of those who crossed at a speed of three to five miles per hour and with their car under control ready for an instant stop was approximately small.

#### Good Reason.

"Oh! Why did I ever marry you?"  
"Because I didn't know any better."

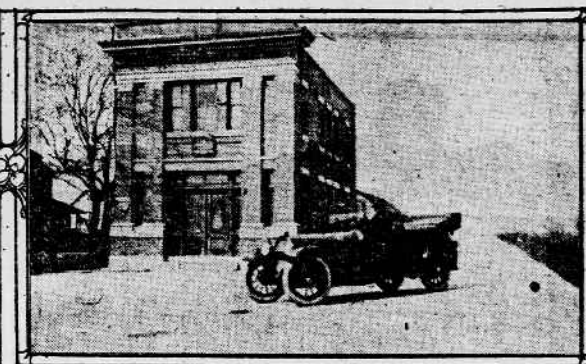
#### The Easiest Way.

From the Boston Transcript.  
Hub—I borrowed another \$100 from your father today.  
Wife—What for?  
Hub—I'm trying to get out of debt.

### VIEWS ALONG ROUTE OF RETAIL MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION'S "BOOSTER" AUTO RUN



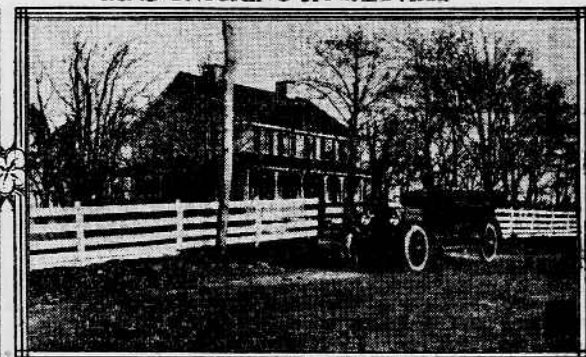
VIEW OF LEONARDTOWN ROAD



ROAD ENTERING HUGHESVILLE



VILLAGE OF CHARLOTTE HALL



OLD SURRATT HOMESTEAD



ON THE BRYANTOWN ROAD



FAMILIAR SCENE NEAR MARYLAND

### GERMANY FINDS FUEL TO REPLACE GASOLINE

Mixture of Alcohol and Benzol Said  
to Be More Economical  
in Motor Cars.

Detailed information as to the alcohol-benzol mixture used in motors in Germany as a more economical fuel than gasoline recently appeared in a publication at Lyon, France. The following translation was sent to this city by Dr. John E. Jones, the United States consul at Lyon.

An article appearing in Le Progres, a daily newspaper published at Lyon, may be of interest in connection with the prevailing high prices of gasoline in the United States.

Among the many efforts made by Germany to counteract the effects of a blockade one of special interest is the replacing of gasoline for automobiles by a mixture of alcohol and benzol.

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Davis, "Hundred Point Six All-year" sedan, W. J. Morris, Cole eight roadsters to Maj. Louis M. Gulick, R. C. Linthicum, H. A. Taulman and C. D. Menner; touring cars to Col. M. M. Parker, R. L. Gaskins, Warren D. Robbins, M. F. Harper and H. L. Lattimer. Allen touring cars to King Sales Company, Dr. M. M. Moffitt, George M. Swank and C. H. Thompson; roadster to Francis R. Mortimer.

Hurley & Earley—Jeffery 4-cylinder touring car to Mrs. Grace V. Long.

#### BRIDGE OVER TOMMYCOCKAN.

Washington Business Men Contributed for Maryland Structure.

Through the generosity of Washington business men and residents of lower Maryland, a bridge has been constructed across Tommycockan creek, near Oakley, Md. The water at this point, flowing in from St. Clements bay, increases with the rise of the tide twice a day, the result being that automobiles have been frequently mired, necessitating the use of a team of horses to pull them out.

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### PROGRESS IN BUILDING BORDER-TO-BORDER ROADS

First to Be Completed Is Atlantic  
Highway—Less Than 100  
Miles Unfinished.

First to be completed of the big border-to-border routes will be the Atlantic highway, according to figures recently compiled by the touring information board of the American Automobile Association. East of Portland, Me., and from Quebec, Canada, to Miami, Fla., there is now less than 100 miles of unfinished highway. In this distance of more than 2,000 miles. Of this 100 miles there has been about eleven in Virginia, divided into three sections, that was vicious, with none of the balance particularly bad.

The local bureau of the touring board now reports that a new road has been completed for one of these sections, a second section is now being rapidly put into good traveling condition, and the contract let and work started on the third section, which was the worst of all, being the section known all over the country as the Choptank swamp.

In the meantime the "swamp" road has been put into passable condition and is accepting several scores of cars per day. State Road Commissioner Coleman of Virginia has given the bad stretches his personal supervision.

The Atlantic highway being the main artery for the north and south travel in the fall and spring, was used by several thousand tourists during the past season, who tempted fate in the trip through the "swamp," many of them being pulled through. All indications show that this season will see an enormous increase in the travel, particularly as the information is rapidly spreading that the trip south from Washington has been robbed of its terrors.

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#### Don'ts for Automobilists.

Don't overcrowd your car.  
Don't load up with supplies you will not need.  
Don't start with a car that is not in first-class running condition.  
Don't try to do the impossible.  
Don't race with locomotives.  
Don't fail to take an extra tire or two along.  
Don't disregard local regulations, even if they seem unreasonable.  
Don't neglect to prepare for rain and cold.  
Don't forget safety first, last and always.

For the Florida east coast trip there is a shell and brick highway, except for four miles, from Jacksonville to Miami. Florida now has a state highway department, and Chairman Scott and Commissioner Cooke predict that with numerous county bond issues the state soon will have a connected road system.

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### TIRES MUST BE WATCHED TO KEEP UP MILEAGE

Underinflation Apt to Result in  
Blowout and Entail Cost  
for Renewal.

The proper care of tires is a most important item in a car's upkeep. The driver should examine them carefully after every trip and promptly take care of an injury, no matter how slight.

A trouble, small at first, may lead up quickly to a bad blowout, and then a new tire. In order to give you good mileage, tires should be watched constantly and kept clean.

Underinflation is the most prevalent and the most expensive piece of carelessness of the modern motorist. Ride on air, not on the tire walls.

An injury to either tread or tube should not be neglected. Conditions are aggravated with great rapidity, and before you know it either a very expensive repair or a whole new tire is required. Go over your tires periodically, and take care at once of each injury.

Inner liners should be used only in emergencies or to prolong the life of a worn-out tire. Never apply them as a permanent repair, as they are utterly destructive to a new tire.

Where chains are used adjust them carefully. If they are too loose they will cut and loosen the tread—if too tight they cut and bruise where they are lapped over casing.

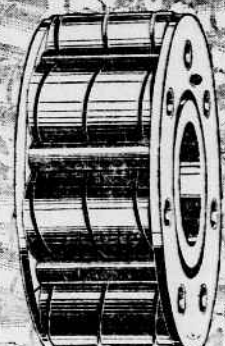
Faulty wheel alignment does much injury to tires. It subjects them to a permanent wear, as they are utterly destructive to a new tire.

It is important to cleanse tires daily if possible. Scrape off mud and soil and wash the tires with water and a little soap of good quality, applied with a not too wet sponge. Keep the inside of the casings always well dusted with soapstone or talc.

#### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL.

Elbert S. Maloney, formerly with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, has joined the sales forces of the Fisk Rubber Company, and will make his headquarters with the Richmond, Va., branch of that concern. He will cover territory in Virginia and North Carolina.

W. F. Redman has joined the sales staff of the Haynes Motor Company.



The Bearing with  
the hollow flexible  
roller was used in  
many of the first  
automobiles